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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Group Art Unit: 2811**

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**METHOD FOR REDUCING DARK
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Sir:

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

It is respectfully requested that the subject patent application be made special so that the application is advanced out of its regular order. This petition is requested because the application is *over 2-1/2 years old*, and the U.S. Patent Office has indicated that the application will not be examined for another 15 months or more. Due to the extraordinary time delay, it is respectfully requested that this action is justified.

Respectfully submitted,

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